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1. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE NINE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES DROPPED BY 2.2 PERCENT IN APRIL IN COMPARISON WITH A MONTH EARLIER, BUT INCREASED BY 6.1 PERCENT OVER APRIL 1976, ACCORDING TO THE EC COMMISSION'S MONTHLY REPORT ON PERSONS REGISTERED AS JOBLESS AT PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

2. AT THE END OF APRIL THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED WAS 5,405,000, A DROP OF 120,000 OVER A MONTH EARLIER BUT AN INCREASE OF 300,000 OVER A YEAR EARLIER. THE 12 MONTH COMPARISONS, WHICH ARE MORE SIGNIFICANT SINCE THE FIGURES ARE NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, SHOW THAT MALE UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINED FAIRLY STABLE, BUT FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 280,000.

3. TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE BEEN WORSE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR DECREASES SINCE APRIL 1976 IN THREE COUNTRIES:
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NETHERLANDS (DOWN 6.1 PERCENT), GERMANY DOWN 5 PERCENT), AND IRELAND (DOWN 0.4 PERCENT), BUT ALL THE OTHERS SHOWED AN INCREASE, WITH DENMARK TOPPING THE LIST (UP 32.7 PERCENT), FOLLOWED BY BELGIUM (UP 15.2 PERCENT) AND FRANCE (UP 11.5 PERCENT).

4. THE COMMUNITY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL 1977 WAS 5.2 PERCENT, COMPARED TO 4.9 PERCENT A YEAR EARLIER.

BREAKOUTS BY COUNTRY:

	APRIL 1977	APRIL 1976
BELGIUM	7.1	6.1
DENMARK	6.0	4.5
FRANCE	4.6	4.1
GERMANY	4.0	4.2
HOLLAND	4.0	4.2
IRELAND	9.9	9.9
ITALY	6.4	6.0
LUXEMBOURG	0.5	0.3
UNITED KINGDOM	5.5	5.0

5. BREAKOUTS BY SEX OF THE BLOBAL FIGURES ARE:

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED
(000S OMITTED)

	APRIL 1977	APRIL 1976
MALE	3,219	3,190
FEMALE	2,186	1,906
TOTAL	5,405	5,096

6. AS REQUESTED, WE HAVE AIRPOUCHED A COPY OF THE MONTHLY
REPORT TO JOHN CHANDLER, CHIEF, DIVISION OF FOREIGN
LABOR STATISTICS, BLS, AND WILL DO SO EVERY MONTH. HINTON

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